



JAMES M. PEAK

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James M. Peak, long a resident of Lafayette County, Missouri, died the morning of December 18th, 1917 at his home in Lexington at the advanced age of 90 years. He had been an invalid for several years resulting from a broken hip bone which made him helpless, but enjoying otherwise comparatively good health.

He was born in Warsaw, Gallatin Co., Ky., April 25, 1828, and was near the close of his 90th year. He moved to Covington, Ky., in 1851, where he was connected with the Louisville and Nashville Rail Road, which was being built, superintending the construction of a part of the system. He came to Missouri in 1856 locating at Chapel Hill in this county and there engaged in the Mercantile business. In January 1863 he changed his location to Lexington and continued the business over twenty years, after which he retired to private life. Mr. Peak was united in marriage to Miss Isabella V. Longdon, daughter of Jackson and Margaret Longdon, November 30, 1868, who with three sons, Dr. James L. Peak, Lawrence Peak and Walter Peak and three daughters, Misses Mary L. Peak, Alice B. Peak of Lexington and Mrs. J. O. Rush of Forrest City, Arkansas survive him. One brother, Dr. W. J. Peak of Oakland, Illinois, now 81 years of age also survives him, whose weight of years and illness prevented his presence at the funeral. At the time of her father's death Mrs. Rush and family were on beds of sickness. During a revival held at Lexington by Rev. H. H. Wells, Synodical Evangelist of the Presbyterian church while Dr. Geo. L. Leyburn was pastor he joined the Presbyterian church. He was also a member of the Masonic order. The family preferred a quiet funeral so his brethren did not bury him with Masonic honors. He was a man of unquestioned integrity, strong of conviction, yet very considerate of those who differed from him. Blessed with ample means, he was not unmindful of those less fortunate. His charities were indeed charities, guarded scrupulously from the public. The sick and destitute had relief from his ample store while their benefactor was unknown and unheralded. In the state he was ever the law abiding citizen, interested and taking his part in public affairs. It was in the home where his character shown forth at its best. The devoted and faithful husband, the kind, tender and loving father with relation most sacred and tender, this family were bound to each other known and res-

pected by all.

We have known Mr. Peak since boyhood. We have enjoyed his friendship. We have vied with each other in athletic sports, have knelt in prayer by his bedside and have been cherished by his kindly smile and warm greetings. We knew him and we loved him. Say not "Good night" but in some brighter, fairer land may you greet your loved ones and friends with a cherry "Good Morning."

A large concourse of friends and neighbors gathered in his quiet, spacious home December 20, and after the funeral service conducted by his pastor, Rev. R. L. Cowan and Rev. Xenophon Ryland of Higginsville, followed his remains to the cemetery, "Machpelah" where he was laid to rest until He comes who has brought to light, Life and Immortality thru His gospel.

X. Ryland.

Roosevelt—Politician First, Patriot Second.

Theodore Roosevelt publishes an editorial in the Kansas City Star and other newspapers, in which he says: "Our troops in France have received thousands of coffins, but an insufficient number of shoes." Had anyone with a German name given publicity to that statement, he would have been accused as a pro-German sympathizer, frightened the parents of the United States and lending comfort to the enemy. But Roosevelt says it and gets away with it. It may sound reasonable to say that we would have been prepared if we had started on the big program over two years ago, but it could not have been done. No man in the country could have persuaded the people, then, that we were actually in danger.

I charge that Theodore Roosevelt is playing politics with the war, and that he is starting now the congressional campaign of 1918 and his own presidential campaign of 1920.—E. D. Cochran, Editor Toledo News-Bee.

Stockholders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Traders Bank of Lexington, Mo., for the election of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting, will be held in the banking room of Traders Bank in Lexington, Mo., January the 14th, 1918, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and two o'clock in the afternoon.

W. G. McCausland, Pres.
J. G. CRENSHAW, Sec.

Corpal and Mrs. W. C. Morton returned Monday morning from a weeks' visit in Cole county.

DOVER ITEMS.

E. F. Straight of Clay County, Nebr., is the guest of his son, W. V. Straight and wife.

Tilton Davis and three children of Lexington were here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Vaughan are in Kansas City this week visiting relatives.

W. S. McGee had business in Corder Monday.

Charlie Hohns had business in Lexington Tuesday.

John Groves of Kansas City was here last week.

Winn Brothers shipped stock to Kansas City Friday.

Misses Lula Young and Nona Howard of Lexington were here Sunday.

Mrs. John Davis spent several days last week in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Vaughan and small son, Irvin, were in Lexington Friday.

Miss Lilla Plattenburg who visited last week with her aunt, Mrs. Olliver Martin, returned Saturday to her home in Higginsville.

Miss Willie Truesdale spent the week end at her home in Higginsville.

Floyd Corbin had business in Lexington Monday.

James and Willie Lewis of Corder were here Monday.

Lee and Garner Groves of Lexington were here last week.

Webb Cole and George Zey-sing had business in Lexington Friday afternoon.

Baby Horace Corbin who has been quite sick with pneumonia is improving.

Prof. J. R. Plattenburg of Higginsville was here Saturday to attend the burial of his cousin, Geo. Plattenburg, of Mayview.

Ray Smith of the Pin Ton store spent Sunday night in Lexington.

Mrs. E. F. Stalle came in Friday morning after a two months visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Maslin, at Eldorado Springs. She took charge of the telephone business Monday. Miss Blanche Turman was operator during Mrs. Stalle's absence.

Miss Anna Laurie Cox returned to school at Marshall Thursday morning after spending the holidays here with homefolks.

Eugene Eagan returned Tuesday to Columbia after ten days' visit here with homefolks.

Miss Marguerite Davis came home this week from an extended visit with relatives in Pueblo, and Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Drummond of Odessa, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Caldwell.

Rev. Pearce of Kansas City preached at the Christian Church here Sunday morning.

Miss Janie Redd returned Wednesday to Fulton after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Redd.

Prof. Hicks and Francis Updike spent Friday evening in Lexington.

Mrs. Jack Fleming of St. Louis came Tuesday night for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Winn.

Dr. C. T. Ryland of Lexington

was here professionally Tuesday.

Friends of Mrs. Meng Shelby will be glad to learn that she is leaving the Evangelical Hospital in East St. Louis this week very much improved in health, after an operation about two weeks ago for appendicitis.

Leonard McGee returned last Monday to his home at Slater after a ten days' visit here with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McGee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bertrand received a letter recently from their son, Roy, who is with the Rainbow Division now in France. He states that he is well and expects to soon be in the trenches. He also sends his regards to all friends.

Lloyd Weedon and Carl Corbin who attend school at Lexington spent the week end with homefolks.

Among those who were here last Saturday afternoon to attend the interment of George Plattenburg were Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Brown and two sons of Waverly, J. Q. Plattenburg of Lexington, and W. L. Plattenburg of Kansas City.

John Webb of Lexington was here Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pauling entertained a number of friends Thursday to a 12 o'clock dinner.

About thirty young people were entertained last Friday night by Mrs. Robert Fox, friends of her sons, Lloyd and Kenneth Roak and other games were indulged in until about 11:30, when refreshments were served. Those present were:

Misses Vivian Eagan, Kathryn Yoakley, Francis Yoakley, Agnes Turman, Doris Littlejohn, Louise Wahl, Edna Pauling, Jessie Fox, Corrine Weedon, Mildred Corbin, Florence Hains and Elaine Cole, Robert Redd, Geo. Sydnor, Coleman Neer, Byron Wahl, Louis Cox, Shelby Swain, Noble Corbin, Frank Fox, Harvey Lewis, Eldon Weedon, Higgins Smith, Victor Smith, Raymond Cole, Ralph Cole and Linsey Smith. Other guests were Miss Dean Dysart, Miss Minnie McGee and Mrs. R. L. Yoakley.

Stockholder's Meeting.

Notice is hereby given, that the annual meeting of the stockholders in the Commercial Bank of Lexington, Missouri, will be held in the director's room of said bank on Monday, January 14th, 1918, at ten o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors for said bank for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

E. M. Taubman, President.
Louis Petsch, Secretary.

Henry Vocat went to Kansas City Monday morning where he will attend the Central Business College.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

J. C. Shelton returned Monday morning from a visit with his daughter in Hugheaville.

Should Call a Halt.

Long time friends, defenders and supporters of the Kansas City Star are disappointed. We do not doubt the loyalty and earnestness of this great paper, but we deplore the lapse of judgment which has given the public several of the Roosevelt articles. In a recent editorial, rather labored at that, The Star attempted to explain and justify. It did neither.

This paper is the last on the list to deny the right or the duty of criticism of public officials. It believes in a free press and the pointing out of official mistakes. Had Colonel Roosevelt been entirely sincere in his work he could have pointed his criticisms at the evils to be corrected and made them effective. The method he used not only failed in this, but discredited his own motives. His articles are such as are used in a political campaign to discredit a candidate for office and gain votes for himself. This is a time of war, a time when every earnest official needs and must have the support of the people, a time when the herculean efforts to bring the forces of the United States into the service of humanity should have every ounce of the patriotic strength of the greatest and the least. When Lord Northcliffe attacked high English officials he knew that if he made his point he could overthrow the administration. Our system is different. Roosevelt can not overthrow the administration, but he can hamper and hamstring.

Mr. Roosevelt has smirched his own great record, has shown the soul of a jealous and disappointed man and has accomplished nothing. The very bitterness of his work has made it to recoil and become innocuous. He has forever placed himself outside the consideration of the American people.—Independence Examiner.

Two Bits A Day Clubs.

In Phoenix, Ariz., a movement has been inaugurated for the formation of "Two Bits A Day" clubs, the members of which are to buy a quarter's worth of Thrift Stamps every day. Three men each took a hundred Thrift cards, pasted one stamp in each card, and sold the entire lot before two blocks had been covered.

Every patriotic American now wants "to do his bit," the members of these clubs are carrying out this idea finely in doing their "two bits" every day. It is hoped that "Two Bits A Day" clubs will be formed all over the country in the great war-savings campaign.

Mrs. Alex. Graves and Mrs. Percy Silver went to Kansas City Monday morning for a brief visit.

You only need Sanol Eczema Cure to get rid of those Black Heads, Pimples, tough bumpy skin. Leaves skin smooth. Cures any case of Eczema. Is pleasant to use. A trial will convince you. 35c at the drug store. Adv

Vigilantes War Notes.

Cleveland Moffett believes that public school teachers have a definite patriotic duty to perform in their daily work and has written a creed for their use which contains the following:

1. I teach my pupils that their duty is first, last and all the time, to be loyal to the President of the United States, loyal to the Allies of the United States, loyal to the military policy of the United States.

2. I teach my pupils that when Germany sank the Lusitania, she sank her right to be treated as a civilized nation.

3. I teach my pupils that there is one thing in the world worse than a German enemy and that is an American traitor, an American coward, an American slacker, an American pacifist. I teach them that treasonable utterances, spoken or written, are as dangerous to this Republic as armed attack and must be punished by law and by the force of outraged public opinion.

4. I teach my pupils that a premature peace would be a world disaster; that we are fighting a war for liberty against German tyranny, and that having drawn the sword in a just cause, we must never sheathe it until Germany has been conquered, punished and made to pay for her crimes.

5. I teach my pupils that they must defend with all their strength our precious heritage of American liberty, and must be ready and glad to do their part in universal military training.

6. I teach my pupils that this war has ceased to be a fight and has become a great world religion, a religion of democracy, that we must be ready to die for, if need be, so that our children may live and be free. I inculcate in my pupils faith that the American people will dedicate their lives and substance to these great ends, invoking the spirit of our fathers and the blessing of the God who never forsakes a righteous cause. (To all of which we say Amen.)

Colored Men Wanted.

For Engineer regiments, Telegraphers, Telephone Men, Gas Engine Men, Switchboard Operators, Auto Repair Men and Motorcycle Drivers.

Apply U. S. Army Recruiting Station, 1010½ Main St., Lexington, Mo.

T. C. Sawyer went to Kansas City Monday on business.

D. T. Nance went to Kansas City Monday on business.

Nice Sill went to Independence Monday morning on business.

R. A. Redifer died in Kansas City Sunday. The body was brought here Tuesday morning and burial made in Corder cemetery.

Lewis Peebles and wife of Oak Grove, Mrs. Schooling and Mrs. Redifer were here Tuesday to attend the burial of Mr. Redifer.

Marcellous Powers was taken to Kansas City Monday for an operation.

To Close Out Our Stock of Paint

¶ In order to close out our stock of Paints of all kinds, we offer all of it at prices that are far below the actual value of it. This includes Ready Mixed Paints (Masurys and Waggeners), Varnish Stains, Carriage Paints, Flat Wall Paint, Varnishes of all kinds, Flat Graining Ground, Floor Paint, Kalsomine, Brushes and all other items that are generally carried in a paint stock.

¶ It will pay you to buy now for any job of painting that you may have in view, it is economy to use good paint. To buy now from this stock will mean a saving. The sale will continue until the entire lot is exhausted.

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